# PROCEEDINGS

OF A

# CONVENTION

FOR THE FORMATION OF A

## GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS,

IN AND FOR THE

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA,

HOLDEN AT

FAYETTEVILLE, JUNE 21, 1822.

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# PROCEEDINGS, &c.

At a Convention of Royal Arch Masons, held in the town of Fayetteville, on Friday, the 21st June, 1822, were present the following delegates:

## 1.—CONCORD CHAPTER,

WILMINGTON.

Companions ALEXANDER MACRAE,
" JOHN WALKER,
" LEWIS GOMEZ.

## 2.—PHŒNIX CHAPTER,

FAYETTEVILLE.

Companions DUNCAN MACRAE,
" ROBERT STRANGE,
" ESEK ARNOLD.

## 3.—MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER,

MURFREESBOROUGH.

Companions THOMAS O'GREADY,
" JAMES MORGAN.

## 4.—ROANOKE CHAPTER,

HALIFAX.

Companions EDMUND B. FREEMAN,
" ELISHA H. EURE.

## 5.—CONCORD CHAPTER,

TARBOROUGH.

Companion BENJ. B. HUNTER.

## 6.—KILWINING CHAPTER,

WADESBOROUGH.

Companions WM. DISMUKES,
" FRANCIS A. CASH.

Companion Freeman was called to the Chair, and Companion Hunter appointed Secretary.

*Resolved, unanimously,* That it is expedient to establish a Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, for and within the State of North Carolina.

*Resolved,* That Companions Arnold, Hunter, Morgan, Cash and MacRae, be appointed a committee to draught regulations for the government of the Convention.

*Resolved,* That Companions Strange, Hunter, MacRae, Dismukes, Morgan and Freeman, be appointed a committee to draught and report at the next sitting of the Convention, a Constitution for the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

*Resolved,* That one delegate from each Chapter, not at present represented, shall compose a part of the foregoing committee, should any such delegate arrive previous to its sitting.

Convention then adjourned until to-morrow, 9 o'clock.

BEN. B. HUNTER, *Sec.*

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SATURDAY, June 22, 1822.

Convention met according to adjournment. Companion Dismukes was called to the Chair, and Companion B. B. Hunter appointed Secretary. All the members of the Convention present.

The committee appointed to draught regulations for the government of the Convention, reported the following, which was read and approved.

1. 'The chairman shall put all questions which are moved and seconded, decide all rules of order, and in case of dissatisfaction, appeal may be had to a majority of the House, and should there be a tie, he shall then be entitled to the casting vote.

2. 'All questions shall be decided by a majority, each Chapter being entitled to three votes.

3. 'Any subject may be reconsidered, and upon motion made and seconded, a majority concurring therewith.

Respectfully submitted,

ESEK ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

The report of the committee, to draught a constitution for the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was read, and after sundry amendments adopted, as follows, to-wit:

ARTICLE I.

The Grand Chapter shall consist of a Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, Grand Secretary, Grand Chaplain and Grand Marshal, and likewise of the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, for the time being, of the several Subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, and the Past Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, Kings and Scribes of said Grand Chapter, and the said enumerated officers, or their proxies, shall be the only members and voters in said Grand Chapter; and no individual member shall be entitled to more than one vote, either as proxy or otherwise.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand Chapter shall be holden on the 23d day of June annually in the towns of Fayetteville and Tarboro', alternately, and the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, respectively, for the time being, may at any time call special meetings to be holden at such time and place as they shall severally think proper to appoint.

ARTICLE III.

The officers of the Grand Chapter shall be chosen annually, by ballot, on the 23 day of June.

ARTICLE IV.

Every Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Mark Master Masons, within this State, shall have a warrant of constitution from the Grand Chapter, under the seal thereof, and under the sign manual of its Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest, King and Scribe, and attested by its Secretary, or Letters of Dispensation from the Grand or Deputy Grand High Priest; and no Chapter or Lodge shall be deemed legal, without such warrant or letters of dispensation; and masonic communication is hereby interdicted and forbidden, either in public or privately, between any Chapter or Lodge, under this jurisdiction, or any member of either of them, and any Chapter, Lodge or Assembly, that may be so illegally formed, opened or holden, or any member of either of them, or any person exalted or advanced in such illegal Chapter, Lodge or Assembly. But nothing in this article shall be construed to affect any Chapter or Lodge which has been hitherto legally established.

ARTICLE V.

The Grand and Deputy Grand High Priests, severally, shall have the power and authority whenever they shall deem it expedient, during the recess of the Grand Chapter, to grant Letters of Dispensation, under their respective hands

and private seals, to a competent number of petitioners possessing the qualifications required by the 9th section of the 2d article of the General Grand Royal Arch Constitution empowering them to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodge of Most Excellent, Past, and Mark Master Masons, for a certain specified time: *Provided*, That the said term of time shall not extend beyond the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter; and *provided further*, That the same fees as are hereinafter required for a warrant of Constitution shall have been deposited with the Grand Treasurer; and, in all cases of such Dispensation, the officer granting the same, shall make report thereof to the next stated meeting of the Grand Chapter; when the Grand Chapter may either continue or recall such Dispensation, or grant the Petitioners a warrant of Constitution, in which latter event, the fees first deposited shall be credited in payment for the same. But if a warrant shall not be granted, nor the Dispensation continued, the said fees shall be refunded to the Petitioners, except such part thereof as shall have been actually expended by reason of their application.

ARTICLE VI.

Upon every application for a warrant or charter from this Grand Chapter, to constitute a new Chapter, there shall be advanced and paid to the Grand Treasurer thereof, the sum of seventy-five dollars before said warrant or charter shall be issued; whereof, the Grand Secretary shall receive ten dollars by way of compensation for furnishing parchment for said charters or warrants, and having the same elegantly printed or written.

ARTICLE VII.

The several subordinate Chapters in this State, shall each pay this Grand Chapter, the sum of fifteen dollars annually.

ARTICLE VIII.

No warrant for the institution of a new Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, shall be granted, except upon the petition of nine regular Royal Arch Masons, which petition shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Chapter nearest to the place where the new Chapter is intended to be opened, vouching for the moral characters and masonic abilities of the petitioners, and recommending to the Grand Chapter to grant their prayer. And no warrant for the institution of a Lodge of Mark Master Masons shall be granted, except upon the petition of at least five regular Mark Master Masons, accompanied by vouchers from the nearest Lodge of that degree or Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, similar to those required at the institution of a Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

The Grand Secretary of this Chapter shall make an annual communication to each of the Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters working under the authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States; and also the General Grand Secretary, containing a list of the Grand Officers, and all such other matters as may be deemed necessary or useful for the mutual information of said Grand Chapters: And the said Grand Secretary shall also regularly transmit to the General Grand Secretary a copy of the Bye-Laws and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, with the amendments thereto.

ARTICLE X.

The Secretaries of the several subordinate Chapters and Lodges shall make report to the Grand Chapter, at its annual meeting, of all such advancements, exaltations, resignations, suspensions or expulsions, as may have taken place in his Chapter, during the year, and shall, at the same time, transmit the annual dues, with a list of officers and members.

ARTICLE XI.

No subordinate Chapter, or Lodge, shall confer any degree within their Chapter, but upon application in writing, filed at least one month for consideration, nor unless after such consideration, upon ballot, there shall be an unanimous vote in favor of the petitioners, and no member voting in the negative, upon such application, shall be required to assign his reasons.

ARTICLE XII.

Any member of a subordinate Chapter, or Lodge, dissatisfied with a decision thereof, in which he is personally interested, shall have the right of appeal to the Grand Chapter: and it shall be the duty of the Secretary of such Chapter or Lodge to transmit to the Grand Chapter, at its next session after such appeal shall be prayed, intimation of such appeal, with an official statement of the circumstances of the case, countersigned by the High Priest, or other presiding officer of such Chapter or Lodge: and the person officiating as the presiding officer, when such dissatisfaction occurred, is hereby required to countersign said statement.

ARTICLE XIII.

When any person who is an officer of any subordinate Chapter, or Lodge, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, shall be elected Grand, or Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King or Grand Scribe, it shall be *de facto* a vacation of his office, in such subordinate Chapter or Lodge, so long as he shall retain such Grand Office.

ARTICLE XIV.

Whenever there shall be a dissolution of any one of the Chapters under this jurisdiction, or whenever any such Chapter shall incur a forfeiture of its charter; in either of those cases, the funds and furniture at that time belonging to such Chapter, shall become, and are hereby declared to be the property of this Grand Chapter: and the Grand Officers, or any one of them, may demand, recover and take possession thereof, for the benefit of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

The Grand Chapter shall have, and is hereby declared to have, power and authority from time to time, to pass and enact all such Bye-Laws, Resolutions and Edicts, and to do all other acts and things for the government of itself, and all subordinate Chapters and Lodges, not inconsistent with this constitution, as may be deemed expedient.

ARTICLE XVI.

A majority of the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, have power and authority from time to time, to call conventions for the purpose of altering or amending this Constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBT. STRANGE,
*Chairman of the Committee.*

Convention then adjourned until 4 o'clock.

BEN. B. HUNTER, *Sec.*

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SATURDAY EVENING, 4 O'CLOCK.

Convention met according to adjournment. Chairman, Secretary, and Members, the same as at the last meeting.

The Convention then proceeded to the appointment of Grand Officers, whereupon the following were unanimously elected:

M. E. Comp. ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. JAMES B. SMITH.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E. Comp. BEN. B. HUNTER.....Grand King.
E. Comp. JAMES F. MACREE.....Grand Scribe.
E. Comp. EDMUND B. FREEMAN. ..... Grand Treasurer.
E. Comp. ALEXANDER LITTLE.....Grand Secretary.

Rev. Brother JONA. O. FREEMAN.....Grand Chaplain.
E. Comp. ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Marshal.

The Convention then adjourned until Wednesday, 9 o'clock.

BEN. B. HUNTER, *Sec.*

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WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26TH, 1822.

Convention met according to adjournment. Comp. Arnold in the Chair.

*Resolved*, That a committee, composed of M. E. C. STRANGE, M. E. C. SMITH, and E. C. HUNTER, be appointed to draught Bye-Laws for the government of the Grand Chapter, and report at next meeting.

*Resolved*, That the G. H. Priest issue letters of dispensation to the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, empowering them to work until the next meeting of the Grand Chapter, and to such other Chapters as may solicit admission, signifying their assent to come under the authority of this Grand Chapter.

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Convention be presented to the officers aad members of the Phœnix Lodge, for their liberality, in granting to them the use of their rooms.

*Ordered*, That a ticket be granted to Comp. D. Jordan, for his services as Steward of this Convention, signed by the G. H. P., authorizing him to receive from the G. Treasurer the sum of thirteen dollars, and that the thanks of this committee, be presented to Comp. Jordan for his polite attention to the Convention during its sitting; and that a similar ticket be granted to Comp. Lumsden, for his services as Tiler.

*Resolved*, That such of the members of this Convention, as may be members of the Legislature of North Carolina, at its next session, be requested to obtain a Charter of Incorporation for this Grand Chapter.

*Resolved*, That one hundred copies of these proceedings be printed, and be distributed among the Grand Officers, the members of this Convention, and the subordinate Chapters.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these proceedings be forwarded to some one officer of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, for his approbation.

Convention adjourned *sine die.*

ESEK ARNOLD, *Chairman.*

BEN. B. HUNTER, *Secretary.*

# FIRST

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF

# THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT

FAYETTEVILLE, JUNE 23D, 24TH AND 25TH, 1823.

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# PROCEEDINGS.

Pursuant to the 2d Article of the Constitution adopted by the Convention holden at Fayetteville, June 21, A. D. 1822, and in the year of Royal Arch Masonry, 2352, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina convened at Mason Hall, in the town of Fayetteville, on Monday, the 23d day of June, A. L. 5823:

Present, M. E. Companion ROBERT STRANGE.....G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. WILLIAM DISMUKES.....G. K. p. t.
M. E. Comp. JOSEPH R. LLOYD.....G. S. p. t.
E. Comp. ALEXANDER McRAE.....G. C. H. p. t.
M. E. Comp. ESEK ARNOLD.....G. P. S. p. t.
E. Comp. JAMES H. HOOPER.....G. R. A. C. p. t.
E. Comp. DILLON JORDAN.....G. M. 3d Veil.
E. Comp. THOMAS A. PASTEUR.....G. M. 2d Veil.
E. Comp. NATHAN BIRD.....G. M. 1st Veil.
E. Comp. JOHN CRUSOE.....G. S. p. t.
E. Comp. JOHN LUMSDEN.....G. T.

MEMBERS.

Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington—E. Comp. Nathan Bird, King; E. Comp. A. McRae, proxy of M. Excellent J. A. Lillington, High Priest.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville—M. E. Comp. James Townes, H. P.; E. Comp. James H. Hooper, S.

Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarborough—M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P.

Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, Wadesborough—M. E. Comp. William Dismukes, H. P.

A constitutional number being present, the Grand Chapter of North Carolina was opened in ample and solemn form.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the degree of High Priesthood be conferred on M. E. Companion Joseph R. Lloyd, High Priest elect, of Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarboro'. All but High Priests having retired, upon their return, M. E. Comp. Lloyd was duly installed.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

JOHN CRUSOE, G. S. p. t.

MONDAY EVENING, 4 O'CLOCK, 23D JUNE, A. L. 5823.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. William Dismukes, G. K. p. t.
M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, G. S. p. t.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a Charter be granted to Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Newbern; when E. Comp. Thomas A. Pasteur, as proxy of Ex. Comp. Marcus C. Stephens, King, took his seat.

The Grand Chapter now proceeded to the election of Officers for the ensuing year, when the following Companions were duly elected, viz:

M. E. Comp. ROBERT STRANGE.....G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. JAMES S. SMITH.....D. G. H. P.
E. Comp. BENJAMIN B. HUNTER.....G. K.
M. E. Comp. ROBERT RANKIN.....G. S.
E. Comp. EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....G. Treas.
E. Comp. ALEXANDER LITTLE.....G. Sec'y.
Rev'd. Comp. COLIN McIVER.....G. C.
E. Comp. R. D. SPAIGHT.....G. M.

Whereas the committee appointed by the Convention to draft Bye-Laws for the government of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, and report at this meeting, have failed so to do: On motion, it is *Resolved*, That a committee be now appointed to draft Bye-Laws for the government of this Grand Chapter. Companions James Townes, Alex. McRae, Joseph R. Lloyd, are appointed.

On motion, Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

J. CRUSOE, G. S. *pro tem.*

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TUESDAY MORNING, 24TH JUNE, A. L. 5823.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. William Dismukes, G. K. p. t.
M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, G. S. p. t.

The following resolutions were submitted to the Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, viz:

1st. *Resolved*, That it would more fully promote the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this State, and the welfare of masonry in general, that the Grand Chapter should be permanently located in some one town.

2d. *Resolved,* That so much of the first article of the Constitution as prohibits any individual member from exercising more than one vote, either as proxy or otherwise, will often deprive the officers of the subordinate Chapters of their privileges of voting in the Grand Chapter, and it is therefore inexpedient and improper; and should be so far amended as to permit an individual member to represent the officers of one Chapter, but no more.

3d. *Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter recommend to the subordinate Chapters, the propriety of meeting in Convention at Tarborough, on the 23d June, 1824, for the purpose of so altering and modifying the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, as to attain the aforesaid objects, and to make such other alterations therein as the Convention, in its wisdom, may think most advantageous to masonry in general.

These several resolutions were read; and the first and third agreed to, but the second was rejected.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter issue charters to the several subordinate Chapters which have acknowledged the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; and that the said subordinate Chapters surrender to this Grand Chapter the dispensations or charters under which they have heretofore worked.

On motion, *Resolved,* That the Grand High Priest issue dispensations to the Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, authorizing them to work, until they shall have received charters.

On motion, *Resolved,* That Companion John Crusoe be appointed by this Grand Chapter (Companion Alexander Little, Grand Secretary, being absent,) to perform the duties required of the Grand Secretary, by the 9th article of the Constitution, and to make out dispensations or charters for the several Chapters now under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, receiving the fees for the same.

On motion, *Resolved,* That a committee be appointed to select some suitable device for a seal to this Grand Chapter: Companions Colin McIver, James H. Hooper, Alexander McRae, appointed.

On motion, Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock.

JOHN CRUSOE, G. S. *pro tem.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 25TH, A. L. 5823.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. William Dismukes, G. K. p. t.
M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, G. S. p. t.

The committee appointed to select some suitable device for a seal for this Grand Chapter, having performed the duty assigned them, report:

That on mature deliberation, they recommend to the Grand Chapter a Common Seal, three inches in diameter, to be made of copper, engraved with a representation of the High Priest's mitre, his breast-plate, the pot of manna, Aaron's Rod, the Holy Bible, and the inscription, '*Holiness to the Lord,*' as contained in the 39th page of the Masonic Chart, encircled by these words, "*Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.*"

Respectfully submitted,
COLIN M'IVER, *Chairman.*

This report was read and concurred in.

On motion, *Resolved,* That M. E. Comp. Robt. Strange, G. H. P., be authorized to contract for and procure a seal pursuant to the foregoing report.

The committee appointed to draft Bye-Laws for the government of this Grand Chapter, having performed the duty assigned them, report as follows, which was read and adopted.

# BYE-LAWS OF GRAND CHAPTER.

ARTICLE I.

It shall be the duty of the several officers of the Grand Chapter, to attend the stated meetings thereof, either in person or by proxy.

ARTICLE II.

The Grand High Priest, or, in his absence, the senior officer present, shall take the chair precisely at the hour to which the Grand Chapter stands adjourned; shall immediately, upon the appearance of a quorum, open the Grand Chapter in due form.

ARTICLE III.

At every sitting of each Annual Convention of the Grand Chapter, the minutes of the preceding sitting shall be read, and, if requisite, corrected.

ARTICLE IV.

It shall be the duty of the presiding officer, at all times, to preserve order, and to endeavor to conduct all business before the Grand Chapter to a speedy and proper result.

ARTICLE V.

The presiding officer may speak to points of order in preference to other members, and shall decide questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Grand Chapter, by any member seconded.

ARTICLE VI.

Business left unfinished at the last sitting, is ordinarily to be taken up first.

ARTICLE VII.

A motion made must be seconded, and afterwards repeated by the presiding officer, or read aloud before it is debated ; and every motion shall be reduced to writing, if the presiding officer or any member requires it.

ARTICLE VIII.

Any member who shall have made a motion, may withdraw it, with the consent of his second, before any debate has taken place thereon ; but not afterwards, without the permission of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE IX.

On questions of order, postponement or commitment, no member shall speak more than once; on all other questions except adjournment, on which no discussion will be allowed, each member may speak twice, but not oftener, without the express permission of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE X.

When a question is under debate, no motion shall be received, except to amend it, to commit it, to postpone it, ar to adjourn.

ARTICLE XI.

An amendment may be made on any motion, and shall be decided before the original motion.

ARTICLE XII.

If a motion under debate contain several parts, any member seconded may have it divided and a question taken on each part.

ARTICLE XIII.

A question shall not be again called up or reconsidered at the same meeting of the Grand Chapter at which it has been decided, except by the consent of two-thirds of the members present, and unless the motion to reconsider be made by a member who voted with the majority.

ARTICLE XIV.

Every member when speaking, shall rise and respectfully address himself to the chair, and shall treat his fellow-members with decorum and respect.

ARTICLE XV.

No speaker shall be interrupted, unless he be out of order, or for the purpose of correcting mistakes or misrepresentations.

ARTICLE XVI.

If more than one member rise to speak at the same time, the presiding officer shall decide which shall first be heard.

ARTICLE XVII.

If any member act in any respect in a disorderly manner, it shall be the privilege of any member, and the duty of the presiding officer, to call him to order.

ARTICLE XVIII.

If any member consider himself aggrieved by the decision of the Grand High Priest, or other officer presiding for the time being, it shall be his privi-

lege to appeal to the Grand Chapter, and the question on such decision shall be taken without debate.

ARTICLE XIX.

All committees shall be appointed by the presiding officer for the time being, except when otherwise directed by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XX.

The person first named on any committee shall be considered as the chairman thereof, whose duty it shall be to convene the committee, and in case of his absence or inability to act, the second named member shall take his place and perform his duties.

ARTICLE XXI.

The yeas and nays on any question shall not be recorded, unless it be required by one-third of the members present.

ARTICLE XXII.

No member shall retire from the room while the Grand Chapter is sitting, without the permission of the presiding officer; nor return home without the consent of the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XXIII.

Visiting Companions shall not vote on any question or petition before the Grand Chapter; but may be heard in debate, with the consent of a majority of the members present.

ARTICLE XXIV.

The Grand High Priest, or, in case of his death or resignation, the Deputy Grand High Priest, shall be authorized, at all times, to draw upon the Grand Treasurer for any sums of money that shall be necessary to defray the expenses which may be incurred by the Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XXV.

The Grand Treasurer shall deliver to the standing committee immediately preceding the annual election of officers, a statement of all accounts, and of the funds of the Grand Chapter, and also of all delinquences.

ARTICLE XXVI.

All subjects on which questions are to be taken (except such as are especially provided for) shall be decided by a majority; and in cases of an equal number of votes, the motion, question or resolution, shall be considered as lost.

ARTICLE XXVII.

The Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe, shall form a standing committee, any two of whom may act; whose duty it shall be to adjust all claims against the Grand Chapter; to examine the Treasurer's books and accounts annually, and at every election of officers to report to the Grand Chapter the state of the funds: to which committee all applicants for charity shall be referred; and for that purpose the said committee shall have authority to draw on the Grand Treasurer.

ARTICLE XXVIII.

The members of the Grand Chapter shall at every meeting appear in Royal Arch Sashes, and plain white Aprons.

ARTICLE XXIX.

Those persons officiating as Grand Tiler and Steward, shall, for the services of Grand Tiler, receive one dollar for each sitting of the Grand Chapter, and for the services of Grand Steward, shall receive for each member present, at the different sittings of the Grand Chapter, twenty-five cents.

ARTICLE XXX.

The Grand Secretary, in addition to the duties prescribed in the 9th article of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, shall transmit to each member of the Grand Chapter, annually, a copy of the proceedings thereof; for which service he shall receive the sum of ten dollars per annum.

ARTICLE XXXI.

The Bye-Laws shall be read at the commencement of every regular meeting.

ARTICLE XXXII.

There shall be no alteration or amendment of these Bye-Laws, except with the concurrence of two-thirds of the members present at an annual meeting.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until this evening at 5 o'clock.

JOHN CRUSOE, G. S. *pro tem.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 25TH, A. L. 5823.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

Present—M. E. Comp. Robert Strange, G. H. P.
M. E. Comp. William Dismukes, G. K. p. t.
M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, G. S. p. t.

M. E. Companion Joseph R. Lloyd, H. P. of Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarborough, now surrenders the dispensation obtained from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia, agreeably to the resolution adopted at the meeting of Tuesday morning of this Grand Chapter.

M. E. Companion James Townes, H. P. of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville, now surrenders the charter obtained from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, agreeably to the aforesaid resolution.

On motion, *Resolved*, That further time be granted to Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington, to make their return to this Grand Chapter until the first day of August next.

On motion, *Resolved*, That further time be granted to Wadesboro' Chapter, to make their return to this Grand Chapter until the first day of August next.

On motion, *Resolved*, That M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, be requested to notify Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Halifax, and Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, Murfreesborough, to make their returns to this Grand Chapter on or before the first day of August next.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters recognize no Itinerant Lecturer who has not first been duly authorized to lecture by this Grand Chapter or the Most Excellent G. H. P. thereof.

On motion, *Resolved, unanimously*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that it is improper to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that the practice of substituting one or more Companions who have already taken the degree of Royal Arch Mason, to make up that number, is also improper:

*Be it therefore, and it is hereby enjoined upon all subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction*, Never to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that all three of such persons shall be really candidates for the degree, or for healing, and neither of them a Companion who has already taken the degree, except such as may require healing.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the acting Secretary, Companion J. Crusoe, be authorized to have one hundred copies of the Proceedings of this Grand Chapter printed, and to distribnte them according to the provisions in the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

No further business coming before this Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample and solemn form.

Adjourned *sine die*. JOHN CRUSOE, G. S. *pro tem.*

# SECOND

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF

# THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

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AT

TARBOROUGH, JUNE 23D, 24TH AND 25TH, 1824.

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# SECOND ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF THE

# GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF N. C.

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At a meeting of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, began and holden at Tarborough, on the 23d day of June, A. L. 5824, A. D. 1824.

PRESENT:

M. E., BENJAMIN B. HUNTER.....Grand King, presiding.
E., CHARLES B. JONES.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
E., NATHAN BYRD.....Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
E., JOHN CRUSOE.....Grand Sec'y, *pro tem.*

REPRESENTATIVES:

Nathan Byrd, King of Concord Chapter, No. 1.
Charles B. Jones, proxy of G. M'Neill, High Priest.
John Crusoe, proxy of E. Arnold, Scribe of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.
Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest.
Elisha H. Eure, King.
Daniel Barksdale, Scribe of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.
Joseph R. Lloyd, High Priest.
Benjamin M. Jackson, King.
Robert Joyner, Scribe of Concord Chapter, No. 5.

There being a sufficient number of Chapters represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form, according to the ancient usage, at 10 o'clock A. M.

Companion John Armstrong, proxy of M. E., Robert Strange, G. H. P., producing proper authority, is admitted as such.

Companion Joseph R. Lloyd, appointed at the last Convocation to notify Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, and Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, reported as follows, viz:

That pursuant to a resolution, at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, he duly notified Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, and Mount Arrarat Chap-

ter, No. 3, to make their returns on or before the first day of August last, to the Grand Secretary.

The following committees were appointed, to-wit:

1st. A committee of accounts, consisting of Comps. Armstrong and Eure.

2d. A committee to examine attendant and visiting Companions, consisting of Companions Freeman and Barksdale.

3d. A committee of grievances, consisting of Companions Lloyd, Joyner and Crusoe.

4th. A committee to examine returns of subordinate Chapters, and Mark Lodges, consisting of Companions Jones and Byrd.

The following resolutions were submitted for the consideration of the Grand Chapter, viz:

*Resolved*, That the resolution and the accompanying injunction passed at the last Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, declaring it improper to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that the practice of substituting one or more Companions, who has already taken the degree of Royal Arch Masonry, to make up that number, is also improper; and strictly enjoining upon all subordinate Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, never to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and all of them candidates for the degree, or for healing, and neither of them a Companion who has already taken the degree, except such as may require healing, be rescinded.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter go into committee of the whole on the before mentioned resolution.

The Grand Chapter now went into a committee of the whole: Companion Barksdale was called to the chair.

The committee, by their chairman, Companion Barksdale, report that on a full investigation of the subject of the before mentioned resolution and injunction, as stated in the above resolution, they deem it inexpedient to rescind them.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

JOHN CRUSOE, G. S. *pro tem.*

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WEDNESDAY EVENING, JUNE 23, A. L. 5824.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

M. E., Benjamin Hunter, Grand King, presiding.

Present—in addition to the representatives this morning—Moses Clements, H. P., and James Morgan, proxy of Benj. B. Camp, K. of Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of the committee of the whole on the inexpediency of rescinding certain resolutions passed at the last Annual Convocation be concurred in.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the report of Comp. Lloyd, respecting Roanoke and Mount Arrarat Chapters, be referred to the committee of grievances.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the delinquency of Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, be referred to the committee of returns of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year; and the following Companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly, viz:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE, of Fayetteville, Grand High Priest.
" JAMES NORCUM, of Edenton, Deputy Grand High Priest.
" JOSEPH R. LLOYD, of Tarborough, Grand King.
" NATHAN BYRD, of Wilmington, Grand Scribe.
Comp. CHARLES B. JONES, of Fayetteville, Grand Treasurer.
" JOHN CRUSOE, of Fayetteville, Grand Secretary.
Rev. Comp. COLIN McIVER, of Fayetteville, Grand Chaplain.
Comp. JOHN LUMSDEN, of Fayetteville, Grand Tiler.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock. JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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THURSDAY MORNING, JUNE 24, A. L. 5824.

Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment.

M. E., Benjamin B. Hunter, Grand King, presiding.

The committee of grievances, committee of accounts and the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges, severally report progress, and pray further time to complete their reports; which is, on motion, granted.

M. E., Edmund B. Freeman, H. P. of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, now surrenders the charter obtained from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

M. E., Moses Clements, H. P. of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, now surrenders the charter obtained from the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Virginia.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the delinquency of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, be referred to the committee on returns of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges.

M. E., Nathan Byrd, Grand Scribe, announced the death of M. E., Robert Rankin, Esq., since the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to report some suitable method of showing that respect which is due to the memory of our worthy and M. E. Companion Robert Rankin, Esq.

Companions Byrd, Lloyd and Eure, were appointed a committee for that purpose.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 24, A. L. 5824.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

M. E., Benjamin B. Hunter, Grand King, presiding.

The committee of grievances, and the committee of accounts, severally report progress, and pray further time, which is, on motion, granted.

The committee to examine returns of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges, made the following report, which was accepted:

Committee to examine returns of subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges, report; that the annual returns of Concord Chapter, No. 1, Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Concord Chapter, No. 5, have regularly been received, examined by the committee, and filed with the Secretary.

The committee further report, that no return has been made by the following Chapters: Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, and Eureka Chapter, No. 7. Your committee, therefore, recommend the propriety of passing some resolution, which in the wisdom of this Grand Chapter, they may think will in future effectually remedy this neglect. Your committee cannot but call the particular attention of this Grand Chapter to the unwarrantable negligence of Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6; from which no return has been made for the two last years.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. JONES, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, be notified by the Grand Secretary, that if their returns are not made up to this time, and dues paid, on or before the first day October next, that they attend the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter, to be held in Fayetteville, to show cause why the authority under which they work should not be arrested.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Eureka Chapter, No. 7, be notified by the Grand Secretary, to make their annual return, and to pay their due, on or before the first day of October next.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 8 o'clock A. M. to-morrow.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 25, A. L. 5824.

Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

M. E., Benjamin B. Hunter, Grand King, presiding.

The committee of accounts made the following report, which was accepted: The committee on accounts report to the Grand Chapter, now in session, that no business has come before them, nor is any expected; and therefore, prays to be discharged. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chairman.*

The committee of grievances, to whom was referred the subject of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, and Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, made the following report, which was not concurred in: The committee beg leave to report that they have under consideration the grievances complained of by Roanoke and Mount Arrarat Chapters: your committee, from all the circumstances which have been disclosed to them, regret that they are compelled to say, that the lamentable situation of the aforesaid Chapters, is attributable in some degree to the negligence of the officers of the Grand Chapter, elected in convention at Fayetteville, in June, 1822; they are further impressed with the belief, that the said Chapters were guilty of great inattention to their interest, in not calling on the said officers, and making known to them at an earlier period, the difficulties under which they labored: had they done so, your committee entertain no doubt but the proper authority would have been forwarded to them immediately. Your committee beg leave further to report, that at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, there was no difference in the situation of the aforesaid Chapters, from that of all other Chapters, under this jurisdiction; and that all other Chapters were represented in that Convocation, and cheerfully submitted to the authority of this Grand Chapter, and acknowledged themselves bound for dues from June, 1822, the time at which this Grand Chapter was formed. Your committee are of opinion, that the negligence of the said Chapters in not sending representatives to the last Annual Convocation, is not a sufficient excuse for not paying their dues from June, 1822; and your committee can see no good reason why the said Chapters should be excused from the payment of any part of said dues.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH B. LLOYD, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the dues of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, payable to this Grand Chapter, do commence from June 23d, 1823, and that the said Chapter be, and is hereby, absolved from the payment of any dues for the year 1822.

The Grand Chapter now went into a committee of the whole, on the subject of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, when Companion E. H. Eure was called to

the chair. After a thorough investigation of the case, the committee rose, and by their chairman, reported to the Grand Chapter, that it is their opinion, that Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, is liable and bound to pay the amount due, required from subordinate Chapters from the first foundation of this Grand Chapter, which was in June, 1822. Which report, was read and concurred in.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the M. E. H. Priest be requested to communicate with the officers of a Chapter held at Raleigh, and with the officers of a Chapter held at Milton, relative to their coming under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That M. E., Robert Strange, G. H. P. of this Grand Chapter, be requested to correspond with the G. G. H. Priest, King or Scribe of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, as to the masonic propriety of receiving the councils formed in this State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and granting power to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

The committee, appointed to report some suitable method of showing that respect which is due to the memory of our worthy and most excellent Companion, Robert Rankin, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted, viz:

*Resolved*, by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, that we deeply deplore in common, with the whole Masonic Fraternity, the loss which masonry at large has sustained, by the death of our most excellent Companion, Robert Rankin, late Grand Scribe of said Grand Chapter, and Past High Priest of Concord Chapter, No. 1, of Wilmington.

*Resolved further*, As a testimony of our esteem for the eminently distinguished services of our late most excellent Companion, Robert Rankin, we do present his widow with the sum of seventy dollars, in a medal, a piece of plate, or otherwise at the discretion of the committee; and that a committee of two be appointed, to carry the same into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN BYRD, *Chairman.*

Companions Byrd and Jones were appointed a committee to carry the above resolutions into effect.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and one hundred copies of the proceedings of the Convention, printed, and to distribute them according to the provisions in the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion, *Resolved*, That one hundred copies of the Constitution as it now stands amended, be printed, and distributed in the several subordinate Chapters, acknowledging the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter; and that the Grand Secretary be allotted the sum of five dollars for carrying the same into effect.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be voted to Concord Chapter, No. 5, and Concord Lodge, No. 58, for the use of their Masonic Hall, and to Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, for the use of their furniture during the session of the present Convocation.

The standing committee of accounts made their report, which was concurred in, viz:

The standing committee of accounts beg leave to report, that they have carefully examined the books of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer of this Grand Chapter, and find their accounts correct, and well vouched. The following is a statement of the same, viz:

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| Received for a dispensation to Eureka Chapter, No. 7 | $ 75 00 |
| " " dues from Phœnix Chapter, No. 2 | 30 00 |
| " " " Concord Chapter, No. 1 | 30 00 |
| " " " Roanoke Chapter, No. 4 | 15 00 |
| " " " Concord Chapter, No. 5 | 30 00 |
| " " " Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3 | 30 00 |
| Total amount of receipts | $210 00 |
| And that the Grand Treasurer has paid, out of the funds of the Grand Chapter, on regular vouchers, produced to us from the 2d July, 1822, to 23d June, 1823, the sum of | $ 95 43½ |
| Leaving a balance in hands of the Treasurer of the sum of | $114 56½ |

The Grand Treasurer further reports, that there is due to this Grand Chapter, from Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, dues for the year 1823, and 1824, the sum of ..... $30 00

From Eureka Chapter, No. 7, dues for the year 1824, the sum of... 15 00

$45 00

Signed, EDMUND B. FREEMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be voted to Companion Weeks P. Hadley, Steward and Tiler of this Grand Chapter, and that his account of twenty-seven dollars and sixty cents, be paid, by the Treasurer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Treasurer elect, be authorized to pay to Companion Crusoe, out of the funds of this Grand Chapter the regular fees for charters furnished Concord Chapter, No. 1, Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Concord Chapter, No. 5, and Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6; the said Chapters having met in convention for the formation of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary notify Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, to make the return of their proceedings, on or before the first day of August next.

The Grand Chapter was then closed, in due and ample form.

BENJ. B. HUNTER, G. K., *Presiding.*

ATTEST:

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

# CONVENTION.

At a meeting of the subordinate Chapters, in Convention at Tarborough, June 23d, 1824, pursuant to a resolution passed at the last Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, holden in Fayetteville:

PRESENT THE FOLLOWING DELEGATES, VIZ:

Concord Chapter, No. 1—Companion Nathan Byrd.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2—Companions John Armstrong, Charles B. Jones and John Crusoe.

Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3—Comps. Moses Clements and James Morgan.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4—Companions Edmund B. Freeman, Elisha H. Eure and Daniel Barksdale.

Concord Chapter, No. 5—Companions Joseph R. Lloyd, Robert Joyner and Benjamin B. Hunter.

Companion Elisha H. Eure was called to the Chair.

Companion John Crusoe appointed Secretary.

*Resolved*, That the following Rules of Order be adopted for the government of this Convention, viz:

1. The chairman shall put all questions which are moved and seconded, decide all rules of order, and in cases of dissatisfaction, appeal may be had to a majority of the house, and should there be a tie, he shall then be entitled to a casting vote.

2. All questions shall be decided by a majority, each Chapter being entitled to three votes.

3. Any subject may be reconsidered, and upon motion made and seconded, a majority concurring therewith.

On motion, *Resolved*, As an amendment to the 1st article of the Constitution, that the words "And no individual shall be entitled to more than one vote, either as proxy or otherwise," be stricken out.

On motion, *Resolved*, As an amendment to the 3d article of the Constitution, that the words "on the 23d day of June," be stricken out, and that the article read as follows, viz: "the officers of the Grand Chapter shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Convocation in June."

On motion, *Resolved*, As an amendment to the 16th article of the Constitution, that the following words be added, to-wit: "except as to the location of the Grand Chapter, which shall require a concurrence of two-thirds to alter."

On motion, *Resolved*, As an amendment to the 11th article of the Constitution, that the word "Month," be stricken out, and the words "meeting previous," be inserted.

On motion, *Resolved*, As an amendment to the 1st article of the Constitution, that the following words be added, viz: "*Provided*, the Grand High Priest shall have two votes, where the number of votes happen to be equal, otherwise, he shall have but one vote; and no Companion or brother, can represent more than one Chapter or Lodge at the same time.

Convention adjourned *sine die*.

ELISHA H. EURE, *Chairman*.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Secretary*.

# THIRD

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF

# THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT

FAYETTEVILLE, JUNE 23D, 24TH AND 25TH, 1825.

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# THIRD ANNUAL CONVOCATION, &c.

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At a meeting of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Fayetteville, on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1825, A. L. 5825 :

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN..... .....Grand King, *p. t.*
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON.....Grand Scribe, *p. t.*
E., JOHN CRUSOE.....Grand Secretary.

REPRESENTATIVES:

Concord Chapter, No. 1—Comp. John A. Lillington, High Priest.
Phœnix Chapter, No. 2—John Armstrong, High Priest, John Kelly, King.
Roanoke Chapter, No. 4—Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest, John W. Simmons, proxy of Elisha H. Eure, King, and George Anderson, proxy of Jesse R. Smith, Scribe.
Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6—Comp. Thomas D. Park, Scribe.

A majority of the Chapters being represented, the Grand Chapter was opened in ample form.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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FRIDAY MORNING, 8 O'CLOCK, JUNE 24TH, 1825.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....Grand King, *p. t.*
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON.....Grand Scribe, *p. t.*

In addition to the representatives of yesterday—present:

Concord Chapter, No. 5—Comp. Benjamin B. Hunter, High Priest.
Eureka Chapter, No. 7—Comp. Thomas A. Pasteur, King.
M. E. Comp. Benjamin B. Hunter, proxy of Joseph R. Lloyd, Grand King.
E. Comp. Thos. A. Pasteur, proxy of Richard D. Spaight, High Priest Eureka Chapter, No. 7.

Comp. Freeman presented a petition from Washington, N. C., signed by nine Royal Arch Masons, and recommended by Concord Chapter, No. 5, praying a charter to empower them to open a Chapter under the name of Clinton Chapter, No. 8, which petition was read and the prayer of the petitioners granted.

The Grand Chapter now proceeded to the appointment of the following committees:

1. *Committee to examine attendant and visiting brothers*—Companions Crusoe and Simmons.

2. *Committee of Grievances*—Comps. Lillington, Park, Anderson, Hunter and Pasteur.

3. *Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges*—Comps. Crusoe, Kelly and Anderson.

4. *Committee on Communications*—Comps. Strange, Hunter, Armstrong, Pasteur and Freeman.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the situation of Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6, be referred to the Committee of Grievances.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following commnnication from Eureka Chapter, No. 7, be referred to the Committee on Communications:

HALL OF EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7, NEWBERN, N. C.,
June 18th, A. D., 1825, R. A. M. 5825.

A Convocation of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, took place this evening pursuant to order of the Most Excellent High Priest. The constitutional number being present the Chapter was opened in due and ancient form, when the following report was presented by M. E. Companion Thomas A. Pasteur, King, viz:

*To the Most Excellent High Priest, Excellent King, Excellent Scribe and other officers and members of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, of Royal Arch Masons, Newbern:*

COMPANIONS: I have perused the communication of Bro. Robt. T. Daniel, addressed to the several Lodges and Chapters of this State, with that attention I conceived it to be entitled, and humbly beg leave to report:

That I conceive the manner of Brother Robert T. Daniel's application for a donation from our funds to be unmasonic; inasmuch as he must have been aware that his *masonic character* could not have been known to most of the Lodges and Chapters in this State, unless his circular had been accompanied by proper authentic vouchers of that fact; nor do *I* at this time know him as a Mason of any degree above that of Master. It was therefore highly improper in him to make such application, unaccompanied with such vouchers, in any other character, than as the mere agent of that religious society for which he was acting.

I am willing, however, to believe, that he has not *intentionally* been guilty of any contempt for the established usages of Masonry, but has rather been led into error by an *ardent* and *laudable* zeal for the promotion of the interests of that religious association of which he has the honor to be considered a useful and worthy member.

But independent of any consideration as to the mode of his application, I am well satisfied that there are other more and important reasons for not complying with his request.

The funds of every regular Lodge and Chapter are *pledged* by the fundamental principles on which they are established, as well as by the *tenets* of our profession, to the exclusive dispensation of *physical comfort* to the *worthy, unfortunate* and *distressed.* To aid and assist such (under certain prescribed regulations) is among the most important and imperious duties that devolve upon us; and which it would be impossible for us duly to perform, were we to lavish our funds on other objects which do not come within those specific duties; and which I am confident were never contemplated by the primitive founders of our order.

The Masonic fraternity comprises individuals, not only of almost every religious sect in Christendom, but also Jews, Mahometans and others. To preserve order, harmony, and fellowship amongst materials seemingly so discordant, may, to the world appear impossible; yet it is, and *ever shall be* the undeviating aim of every mason. It is to effect this great and *important* point, that religious disquisitions and political brawls are excluded from our assemblies—that the grating sound of discord may never be heard within the portals of the Masonic Temple. As our institution is one purely benevolent, so far as benevolence is instrumental in contributing to the needy and distressed, and being founded on, and supported by Divine revelation, guided by its precepts, and controlled and directed by the hallowed principles of the purest morality, it would indeed be uncharitable in us in this instance to exhibit a preference for any sect of religious professors, by granting to the request of Bro. Robert T. Daniel, what circumstances at another time, might compel us to withhold from applicants equally worthy. Let the precedent once be established and we should justly merit the bitterest reproaches of those who are denied our favors. Yield but to this solicitation, and you will not only have incurred the imputation of partiality, but will have been guilty of a palpable dereliction of the established principles of Masonry. Grant but to one, and all will reasonably conclude that they have equal claims on our generosity for the promotion of similar objects; and after our treasury shall have been *drained*, the *first* denial of a similar request, will, from the very nature of the case, become a prelude to confusion, by introducing within our sacred walls, the rancorous spirit of

religious altercation, to the disturbance, if not to the destruction of that harmony and social order which are so essential to our existence as a society.

I have long known that the generality of the religious society (Baptists) to which Bro. Robert T. Daniel belongs, entertain no very favorable views of the Masonic institution; and possibly, as he seems to think, their good opinion might be conciliated by a liberal donation from our funds; but it is to be hoped that the fraternity, so long as they are conscious of their own rectitude, will never *stoop so far from the established dignity of our order*, as to consent to *purchase* it, by a *sacrifice* of their *principles*. Prompted by *charity*, I can freely excuse the frailties of those who condemn us without a cause, and hope that the Supreme Grand High Priest above, who knoweth the *secrets* of all hearts, will also forgive the errors of such "*as know not what they do*."

While as individuals we might feel a willingness to lend our aid to promote the object for which Bro. Daniel is soliciting donations, and I doubt not there are many of the Masonic family who will forward to him some testimony of their individual devotion to the cause in which he thinks himself so worthily and zealously engaged, yet I do not hesitate to declare it as my opinion, that no part of the funds of our Chapter ought to be appropriated to purposes in which as a body we can take no active part, and for objects over which we can have no shadow of control.

To guard against the establishment, at any future period, of a practice so fraught with error, as would be such an appropriation, permit me, respectfully to recommend that this report be entered on the records of our Chapter, a copy thereof forwarded to Bro. Robert T. Daniel, and also one to the Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina.

All which I respectfully submit,

T. A. PASTEUR,
*King of Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Newbern, N. C.*

The report was concurred in unanimously.

Extract from the Minutes. HENRY DEWEY, *Sec'y.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following circular from Comp. Robert T. Daniel, be referred to the Committee on Communications:

RALEIGH, February 10th, 1825.

*Circular Address to the Grand Chapter, Grand Lodge, the different Chapters and Subordinate Lodges of Free Masons in North Carolina—greeting:*

BELOVED BRETHREN:—Accompanying this address you are presented with a copy of the Minutes of the North Carolina Baptist Society for Missions, Foreign and Domestic. Page the 5th, and resolutions 2 and 5, embraced in brackets, will show to your highly respectable body that I have the honor of

serving that Society as Agent throughout the State; in which office I have acted three years, and labored much to accelerate its interest and usefulness. In which term I have formed forty-five Auxiliary Societies; twenty-four of which are reported in these minutes—the residue have been organized since the last annual meeting, and will be reported in the minutes of the next. Aided by the funds of these societies, public collections and private donations, we have been enabled to send forth seven domestic missionaries, whose labors have been wonderfully succeeded by Divine agency. A number not less than three thousand have been added to our churches by baptism within the last three years in this State; by which we are greatly encouraged to pursue our pious design with energy. In this Union of States, there are, of our denomination, three hundred thousand members, divided into thirty-five hundred churches; the number of clergymen only about twenty-five hundred. This leaves one thousand churches without supply. Besides many sequestered neighborhoods and sections of our State are almost totally deprived of the Gospel. To change this lamentable scene, our present efforts are aimed.

Permit me, as a member of your benevolent society, to solicit a donation for the above purpose. This request is intended not only to aid our funds, but to furnish me with arguments to conciliate the minds of many Christian friends to the noble institution of Masonry. Most excellent will your fruit of charity appear, when sent up to the House of God to aid the cause of Missions. I have privately consulted many Masonic brethren on the propriety of sending an address to the different Chapters and Lodges of this State on the above subject. They highly approve the plan. I hope, my affectionate brethren, you will gratify me in this request, with as much liberality as the state of your funds and other calls will justify. Should the donation you make even be small, yet, coming from the Lodges, it will have much better effect on the public mind than if the same sums were to be given by individuals of our fraternity; especially as the sums given by each Chapter and Lodge, appearing in our public minutes, will go to show to Christians and others that we are a benevolent people, and true friends to the Christian cause. I wish this circular and minutes spread before the brethren as soon as possible, and a letter, covering your liberality, directed to me at Raleigh; which letter and money shall be presented to the Board of Missions at its next annual meeting, and published in the minutes; and each Chapter and Lodge furnished with a copy. This will prepare me with an ample fund of arguments for removing many prejudices against our noble institution; to which I feel strongly attached, and bound ever to vindicate and support.

With sentiments of the highest esteem and regard, yours affectionately in Masonic bonds,

ROBERT T. DANIEL,

*Agent and Corresponding Secretary*
*for the North Carolina Baptist Missionary Society.*

A communication from M. E., Henry Fowle, G. D. G. H. P., as to the Masonic propriety of receiving the councils formed in this State under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, and granting power to confer the degrees of Royal and Select Masters, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the delinquency of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, be referred to the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters, &c.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the communication from Concord Chapter, No. 1, on the subject of an uniform mode of working in the several Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee of Grievances.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned till half-past 1 o'clock P. M.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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FRIDAY, HALF-PAST 1 O'CLOCK P. M., JUNE 24TH, 1825.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....Grand King, *p. t.*
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON.....Grand Scribe, *p. t.*

On motion, *Resolved*, That a form of proxy be established by this Grand Chapter, and that the subject be referred to the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters, &c.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned till to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock.

JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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SATURDAY, JUNE 25TH, A. D. 1825.

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN..... .....Grand King, *p. t.*
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON.....Grand Scribe, *p. t.*

The Committee on Grievances made the following roport, which was read and concurred in:

That they have duly considered the communication from Concord Chapter, No. 1, and beg leave to report:

That whereas there are many difficulties existing among the subordinate Chapters in this State, for want of uniformity in working, particularly in the most important part relative to the Royal Arch Degree, in remedy whereof your committee beg leave to report that it is highly necessary that some measure should be taken to effect the same, inasmuch as many of the strongest ties imperiously demand it. Your committee therefore recommend that a Convention of the M. E. Grand High Priest, King and Scribe of the Grand Chapter, and the High Priests, Kings and Scribes, and Past High Priests of the Chapters subordinate thereto be directed to convene at Tarboro', on the 20th day of June next, for the purpose of lecturing in the several degrees within the gift of their Chapters, and that the M. E. Grand High Priest be directed to request the attendance of one of the General Grand Officers of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, or a lecturer approved of by them, to aid in accomplishing the object before stated. Your committee have further considered the present state of Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6, Anson county, and after due deliberation report, that they conceive the present number composing said Chapter to be less than is desirable, but upon the information of a worthy Companion, your committee are satisfied that they are possessed of materials well calculated to promote the interest of the Craft, and therefore recommend that an indulgence be granted to said Chapter until the 23d day of June, 1826, to make their report.

J. A. LILLINGTON, *Chairman.*

M. E. Comp. Ben. B. Hunter, Chairman of the Committee on Communications, made the following report:

The Committee on Communications having duly considered the correspondence between the M. E. Grand High Priest and the High Priest of Cyrus Chapter, No. 17, Milton, beg leave to report, that whereas said Chapter has resolved to come under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, as appears by the authority of John E. Lewis, High Priest of said Chapter, under date of 24th September, 1824, provided they are received upon the same footing that other subordinate Chapters have heretofore been admitted, your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved,* That the M. E. Grand High Priest be hereby authorized and directed to issue a charter to Cyrus Chapter, at Milton, provided they surrender to him the charter under which they are working, and shall have paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of ten dollars, being the constitutional fee.

Your committee have further had under their consideration the communication from M. E., Henry Fowle, D. G. H. P. of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, on the subject of taking under the jurisdiction of this

Grand Chapter the councils of Royal and Select Masters in this State, and report that it is inexpedient at this time so to do.

Which report was concurred in.

The Committee on Communications made a further report on the communications from Eureka Chapter, No. 7, and from Rev. Comp. Robt. T. Daniel, which was read and on motion, the Grand Chapter went into a Committee of the Whole on said report.

M. E. Comp. John Armstrong in the Chair.

After a thorough investigation of the subjects before them, the committee rose and by their chairman reported to the Grand Chapter the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter does approve of that part of the communication from Eureka Chapter, No. 7, which follows:

The Masonic fraternity comprises individuals, not only of almost every religious sect in Christendom, but also Jews, Mahometans and others. To preserve order, harmony, and fellowship amongst materials seemingly so discordant, may, to the world appear impossible; yet it is, and *ever shall be* the undeviating aim of every Mason. It is to effect this great and *important* point, that religious disquisitions and political brawls are excluded from our assemblies—that the grating sound of discord may never be heard within the portals of the Masonic Temple. As our institution is one purely benevolent, so far as benevolence is instrumental in contributing to the needy and distressed, and being founded on, and supported by Divine revelation, guided by its precepts, and controlled and directed by the hallowed principles of the purest morality, it would indeed be uncharitable in us in this instance to exhibit a preference for any sect of religious professors, by granting to the request of Brother Robert T. Daniel, what circumstances at another time, might compel us to withhold from applicants equally worthy. Let the precedent once be established and we should justly merit the bitterest reproaches of those who are denied our favors. Yield but to this solicitation, and you will not only have incurred the imputation of partiality, but will have been guilty of a palpable dereliction of the established principles of Masonry. Grant but to one, and all will reasonably conclude that they have equal claims on our generosity for the promotion of similar objects; and after our treasury shall have been *drained*, the *first* denial of a similar request, will, from the very nature of the case, become a prelude to confusion, by introducing within our sacred walls, the rancorous spirit of religious altercation, to the disturbance, if not to the destruction of that harmony and social order which are so essential to our existence as a society.

I have long known that the generality of the religious society (Baptists) to

which Bro. Robert T. Daniel belongs, entertain no very favorable views of the Masonic institution; and possibly, as he seems to think, their good opinion might be conciliated by a liberal donation from our funds; but it is to be hoped, that the fraternity so long as they are conscious of their own rectitude, will never *stoop so far from the established dignity of our order*, as to consent to *purchase* it, by a *sacrifice* of their *principles*. Prompted by *charity*, I can freely excuse the frailties of those who condemn us without a cause, and hope that the Supreme Grand High Priest above, who knoweth the *secrets* of all hearts, will also forgive the errors of such "*as know not what they do*."

"While as individuals we might feel a willingness to lend our aid to promote the object for which Brother Daniel is soliciting donations, and I doubt not there are many of the Masonic family who will forward to him some testimony of their individual devotion to the cause in which he thinks himself so worthily and zealously engaged, yet I do not hesitate to declare it as my opinion, that no part of the funds of our Chapter ought to be appropriated to purposes in which as a body we can take no active part, and for objects over which we can have no shadow of control."

*And further resolved*, That this Grand Chapter does not approve of the previous part of said communication.

*Resolved*, That although this Grand Chapter does approve the zeal of Rev. Comp. R. T. Daniel, and appreciates his sacrifices in the cause of Masonry, and feels a lively interest in the prosperity of Christianity, yet the granting his application might tend to mar the harmony of the institution, and might be the establishment of a dangerous precedent by deviating from the original principles of our order, to appropriate funds for purposes to which as a body we can take no active part, and over which we can have no shadow of control.

On the question of concurrence with the foregoing report, the yeas and nays were called for:

YEAS.

Concord Chapter, No. 1.—J. A. Lillington.
Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—John Armstrong.
Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—Edmund B. Freeman.
Concord Chapter, No. 5.—Ben. B. Hunter.
Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6.—Thomas D. Park.
Grand High Priest.—M. E., Robert Strange.
Grand Secretary.—E., John Crusoe—7.

NAYS.

Eureka Chapter, No. 7.—Thomas A. Pasteur, King; Thos. A. Pasteur, proxy of Richard D. Spaight, High Priest—2.

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges made the following report, which was concurred in:

The committee report that they have examined the returns of Concord Chapter, No. 1; Phœnix Chapter, No. 2; Roanoke Chapter, No. 4; Concord Chapter, No. 5; Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6, and Eureka Chapter, No. 7, and find them correct and in due form, accompanied by their regular dues; and that they have filed the same with the Secretary; they further report that no return has been made by Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, Murfreesboro'.

Your committee report the following form of proxy, to be observed by this Grand Chapter:

*Know all Companions by these presents,* That I, A. B. (H. P. or otherwise,) of —— Chapter, No. —, do hereby appoint C. D. to be my substitute and proxy, for and in my name and behalf to vote at the —— Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, to be held at —— on the — day of —— as fully as I might or could were I personally present.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this — day of —— Anno Domini ——. A. B. (L. S.)

Respectfully submitted, J. CRUSOE, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved,* That Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, be notified by the Grand Secretary to make their return on or before the first day of October next.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned to meet this day at the M. E. H. P.'s will and pleasure. JOHN CRUSOE, *Grand Secretary.*

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SATURDAY EVENING, JUNE 25TH, 1825.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to order of the M. E. H. P.

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN..... Grand King *p. t.*
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON..... .....Grand Scribe *p. t.*

M. E. Comp. Esek Arnold producing proper authority from Comp. John Kelly, King of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, to act as his proxy, was admitted as such and took his seat.

The committee appointed by the Grand Chapter at its last Convocation, to carry into effect a resolution making an appropriation to the widow of our late worthy Comp. Robert Rankin, report progress and pray further time, which is, on motion, granted.

On motion of Comp. Thomas A. Pasteur, the following preamble and resolution was submitted for the consideration of this Grand Chapter:

WHEREAS, great inconvenience at present exists in some of the Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter in consequence of a resolution passed at its first Annual Convocation, relative to the exaltation of candidates to the most sublime degree of Royal Arch, and whereas it is our opinion that no essential benefit can arise from its enforcement, and that it is inexpedient, therefore

*Resolved*, That said resolution be rescinded.

Which preamble and resolution was rejected.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E., SIMMONS J. BAKER, Tarboro'..... .....Grand High Prtest.
M. E., ESEK ARNOLD, Fayetteville.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E., THOMAS A. PASTEUR, Newbern.....Grand King.
M. E., NATHAN BYRD, Wilmington.....Grand Scribe.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN, Halifax.....Grand Treasurer.
E., GEORGE ANDERSON, Halifax.....Grand Secretary.
Rev. ADAM EMPIE, Wilmington.....Grand Chaplain.
E., ROBERT JOYNER, Tarboro'.....Grand Marshal.

On motion, *Resolved*, That it be the duty of the Grand Secretary to annex to the proceedings of each and every Convocation of the Grand Chapter, an abstract of the annual returns of the subordinate Chapters, so far as to set forth the three principal officers, the number of members, the deaths, expulsions and suspensions, as also the town or county in which each Chapter is holden.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer be authorized to pay to Comp. Dillon Jordan, Grand Steward, the sum of thirty-four dollars and seventy cents, for supplies and services rendered this Grand Chapter during its present Convocation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Phœnix Lodge and Phœnix Chapter, for their polite attention and the use of their hall during the session of the present Convocation.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form.

ATTEST: ESEK ARNOLD, *Deputy Grand High Priest.*
GEORGE ANDERSON, *Grand Secretary.*

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.—WILMINGTON.

M. E., John A. Lillington.....High Priest.
E., Archibald McRae.....King.
E., Eli L. Larkins.....Scribe.
16 members.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2.—FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E., John Armstrong.....High Priest.
E., John Kelly.....King.
E., John McRae.....Scribe.
53 members.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3.—MURFREESBORO'.—No return.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4.—HALIFAX.

M. E., Edmund B. Freeman.....High Priest.
E., Elisha H. Eure.....King.
E., Jesse R. Smith.....Scribe.
36 members.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5.—TARBORO'.

M. E., Ben. B. Hunter.....High Priest.
E., Lewis B. K. Dickens.....Scribe.
Office of King vacant.
38 members.

WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. 6.—WADESBORO'.

M. E., William Dismukes.....High Priest.
E., Francis A. Cash.....King.
E., Thomas D. Park.....Scribe.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7.—NEWBERN.

M. E., Richard D. Spaight.....High Priest.
E., Thomas A. Pasteur.....King.
E., Nathaniel Smith.....Scribe.
50 members.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8.—WASHINGTON.

Charter granted at this Convocation.

M. E., David C. Freeman.....High Priest.
E., James H. Smith.....King.
E., Samuel W. Lucas.....Scribe.

*Dr. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina,*
*In account with* CHAS. B. JONES, *Treasurer, Cr.*

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| June 23, 1825. | By balance of last year's account | $114 57 |
| " " | " amount received from Eureka Chapter, No. 7... | 15 00 |
| " " | " " " " Clinton " " 8... | 75 00 |
| " " | " " " " Phœnix " " 2... | 15 00 |
| " " | " " " " Concord " " 1... | 15 00 |
| " " | " " " " Roanoke " " 4... | 15 00 |
| " " | " " " " Concord " " 5... | 15 00 |
| " " | " " " " Wadesboro' " " 6... | 45 00 |
| " " | " " " " Eureka " " 7... | 15 00 |
| | | $324 57 |

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| June 23, 1825. | To amount paid Weeks P. Hadley | $ 27 60 |
| " " | " " " John Crusoe, Grand Secretary | 70 00 |
| " " | " " of Bakewell's note | 15 00 |
| " " | " " paid Dillon Jordan, Grand Steward | 34 70 |
| " " | " " allowed Grand Secretary | 15 00 |
| " " | " " fee from Clinton Chapter to Grand Sec'y, | 10 00 |
| " " | " " paid Observer Office, for printing | 12 00 |
| " " | " " " John Crusoe, G. Sec'y, per receipt... | 6 87½ |
| " " | " " " E. B. Freeman, Grand Treasurer.... | 133 39½ |
| | | $324 57 |

CHARLES B. JONES, *Grand Treasurer.*

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| By balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer | $133 39½ |
| By amount due from Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3 | 15 00 |
| By amount of Bakewell's note | 15 00 |
| | $163 39½ |

# FOURTH

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF

# THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT

TARBOROUGH, JUNE 23D AND 24TH, 1826.

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# FOURTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION, &c.

At a meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Tarborough on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1826, A. L. 5826.

PRESENT:

M. E., BENJ. B. HUNTER.....Past Grand King, presiding.
M. E., DAVID W. STONE.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
M. E., JAMES BOZMAN.....Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
E., GEORGE ANDERSON.....Grand Secretary.
E., ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Marshal.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest; Mason L. Wiggins, proxy of R. H. Wilson, King, and Thomas Nicholson, proxy of Jas. Simmons, Scribe.

Concord Chapter, No. 5.—Joseph R. Lloyd, High Priest; John Coffield, proxy of Ben. M. Jackson, King, and Robert Joyner, Scribe.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—David W. Stone, High Priest; John B. Tate, proxy of James M. Henderson, King, and Samuel M. Johnston, proxy of Alexander J. Lawrence, Scribe.

Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11.—James Bozman, High Priest; M. E., Ben. B. Hunter, Past Grand King, proxy of M. E., Simmons Jones Baker, Grand High Priest, (the Grand High Priest having been compelled to return home in consequence of the indisposition of his family.)

A quorum being present the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Companion Weeks P. Hadley be, and is hereby appointed Grand Steward and Tiler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the appointment of the following committees:

1. *Committee to examine attendant and visiting Companions*—Comps. Lloyd and Joyner.

2. *Committee of Grievances*—Comps. Lloyd, Freeman and Stone.

3. *Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters*—Comps. Joyner and Johnston.

4. *Committee on Communications*—Comps. Freeman, Stone, Lloyd, Joyner and Hunter.

5. *Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts*—Companions Anderson and Wiggins.

A communication from G. C. Marchant, complaining of the proceedings of Harmony Chapter, Elizabeth City, was read, and on motion, referred to the Committee of Grievances.

The Grand Secretary, who was appointed at the last Annual Convocation to notify Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, reported:

That pursuant thereto he duly notified Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, to make their returns, and the said Chapter has neglected so to do.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the delinquency of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, be referred to the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the several communications of the proceedings of the Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, received since the last Annual Convocation, be referred to the Committee on Communications.

On motion, *Resolved*, That charters issue to Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, and Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11.

A letter from Philip Swigert, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Kentucky, together with a memorial reported by the committee appointed in pursuance thereof, was read and referred to the Committee on Communications.

The following resolution was submitted by M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd:

WHEREAS, it was resolved at the last Annual Convocation, that the past Grand Secretary, Comp. Crusoe, issue a charter to Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Washington; and, whereas, the said resolution has not been complied with, *Be it resolved*, That the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year issue a charter to said Chapter, and that Comp. Crusoe refund to said Grand Secretary the fee which he has received.

Which resolution was read and agreed to.

The following preamble and resolution were submitted to the Grand Chapter by M. E. Comp. David W. Stone:

WHEREAS, it was resolved, at a Convocation of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, held at Fayetteville, in June, 1823, that it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter, that it is improper to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that all three of such persons shall be really candidates for the degree or for healing, and neither of them a Companion who has already taken the degree; except such as may require healing: Be

it therefore, and it is hereby enjoined, upon all Subordinate Chapters never to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that all three of such persons shall be really candidates for the degree or for healing, and neither of them a Companion who has already taken the degree; except such as may require healing, which regulation frequently retards the advancement of candidates, without any benefit or advantage to the Craft.

*Resolved, therefore,* That the above recited restriction be repealed.

On the question of adopting the foregoing resolution, the yeas and nays were called for; which call the Grand Chapter sustained, and it was decided in the affirmative, as follows:

YEAS.

Concord Chapter, No. 5.—J. R. Lloyd, High Priest; Robert Joyner, King.
Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—D. W. Stone, High Priest; J. B. Tate, S. M. Johnston, Benj. B. Hunter, Past Grand King; S. J. Baker, Grand High Priest, by his proxy; Joseph R. Lloyd, Past Grand King; Robert Joyner, Grand Marshal.

NAYS.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest; Mason L. Wiggins, Thomas Nicholson.
Concord Chapter, No. 5.—John Coffield.
Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11.—James Bozman, High Priest.
George Anderson, Grand Secretary.
Edmund B. Freeman, Grand Treasurer.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until to-morrow morning, 8 o'clock

GEO. ANDERSON, *Grand Secretary.*

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SATURDAY, 8 O'CLOCK A. M., JUNE 24, 1826.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., BENJ. B. HUNTER.....Past Grand King, presiding.
M. E., D. W. STONE.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
M. E., JAMES BOZMAN.....Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*

M. E. Comp. E. B. Freeman made the following report, which was concurred in and the resolutions therein contained adopted.

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report:

That they have attentively examined the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, received by the Grand Secretary, since our last Convocation, viz:

the proceedings of New York for 1824 and 1825—of South Carolina, Massachusetts, Kentucky, Maryland, Georgia, Vermont and New Hampshire, all for the year 1825, and of Ohio for the year 1826; and while they view with pleasure the flourishing condition of the sublime science, they find nothing contained in the several proceedings requiring the particular attention of this Grand Chapter.

The committee have further had under their most serious consideration the resolution of the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, and the able Memorial of the Committee appointed under it proposing to dissolve the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and although your committee believe that no danger is to be apprehended that it will be used by political men as an instrument to further their intrigues and spread their influence; yet, for other weighty reasons, urged by the Memorialists, it is deemed inexpedient by the committee to continue any longer an establishment so unnecessary; your committee, therefore, recommend the following resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the General Grand Chapter of the United States ought to be dissolved.

Be it further *resolved,* That a copy of the above resolution be transmitted by the Grand Secretary to the General Grand Chapter, and the several Grand Chapters of the United States.

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. FREEMAN, *Chairman.*

On motion, *Resolved,* That Chapters working under dispensations, pay at the rate of fifteen dollars per annum from the date of their authority.

M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd, from the Committee of Grievances made the following report, which was concurred in and the resolutions therein recommended adopted.

The Committee of Grievances, to whom was referred the letter of Comp. G. C. Marchant of the 7th inst. and the situation of Harmony Chapter, working by dispensation in Elizabeth City, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That a member of this Grand Chapter be appointed with full powers to decide all controversies and difficulties existing among the members of Harmony Chapter, with authority to extend their dispensation or take possession of their regalia and funds, and deliver the same to the Grand Chapter, and that the Grand Secretary enjoin them from working until they receive further authority.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH R. LLOYD, *Chairman.*

M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd was appointed to carry the foregoing resolution into execution.

E. Comp. Robert Joyner, from the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters made the following report:

The committee, to whom were referred the Returns of Subordinate Chapters, report:

That the annual returns of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4; Concord Chapter, No. 5; Phœnix Chapter, No. 2; Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, and Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11, have been regularly received, accompanied with their dues, examined by the committee and filed with the Grand Secretary.

The committee further report: That no returns have been received from the following Chapters, viz: Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington; Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, Wadesborough; Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Newbern; Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, Milton; Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Washington, and Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3, Murfreesborough.

Your committee further report: That at the last Convocation of this Grand Chapter, holden at Fayetteville, the 23d June, 1825, the Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters and Mark Lodges, reported Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3, delinquent in their returns for 1824, whereupon the Grand Chapter resolved that Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3, be notified by the Grand Secretary to make their returns on or before the 1st day of October next.

The committee further report: That said Chapter has neglected to attend to the said resolution of this Grand Chapter; in remedy whereof, *Resolved*, That M. E. Comp. Jos. R. Lloyd be appointed to visit said Chapter and make enquiry into the causes of this wanton neglect or contempt, and that he be vested with full powers to take from said Chapter their charter, and to take into his possession the regalia and funds of said Chapter or otherwise as he may deem most expedient.

*Be it further resolved*, That the Grand Secretary notify Concord Chapter, No. 1; Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6; Eureka Chapter, No. 7; Clinton Chapter, No. 8, and Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, to make their returns on or before the 1st day of October next.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT JOYNER, *Chairman.*

Which report was concurred in and the resolution adopted.

Whereas M. E. Comp. J. R. Lloyd has been appointed to visit Harmony Chapter at Elizabeth City, and Mount Ararat Chapter, No. 3, for the purpose of examining into the irregularities existing in those bodies, therefore be it resolved that the said Chapters be directed to pay and refund to him any expense he may incur in attending and visiting them.

The following preamble and resolution was submitted by M. E. Comp. D. W. Stone and adopted.

Whereas it is desirable that some uniformity should be established among the Masonic fraternity for mourning, as a testimony of respect for the loss of a worthy Companion, therefore

*Resolved* by the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, that the badge of mourning for the loss of a Companion shall be a knot or cluster of black crape or ribbon, emblematical of a bond of union, to be worn on the left breast by all Royal Arch Masons, under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the dues of Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11, amounting to eight dollars and seventy-five cents, be refunded.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E., SIMMONS J. BAKER, Palmyra.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., ESEK ARNOLD, Fayetteville.....D. G. High Priest.
M. E., BENJ. B. HUNTER, Tarborough.....Grand King.
E., ROBERT JOYNER, Tarborough.....Grand Scribe.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN, Halifax.....Grand Treasurer.
E., GEORGE ANDERSON, Halifax.....Grand Secretary.
Rev. Comp. J. R. HORN, Stantonsburg.....Grand Chaplain.
M. E., JOHN ARMSTRONG, Fayetteville.....Grand Marshal.

Comp. Anderson, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Accounts have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer and report:

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| That there has been received by the Grand Treasurer since the last Convocation..... | $297 50 |
| That the balance of last year's account was..... | 133 39½ |
| | $430 89½ |
| And that he has paid out upon sufficient vouchers exhibited..... | 92 87½ |
| Leaving a balance in his hands of..... | $338 02 |

Respectfully submitted,
GEORGE ANDERSON, *Chairman.*

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned until 3 o'clock P. M.
GEORGE ANDERSON, *Grand Secretary.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 24, 1826, 3 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., BENJ. B. HUNTER.....Grand King, presiding.
M. E., D. W. STONE.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
E., ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Scribe, *pro tem.*

Comp. M. L. Wiggins presented a petition from Windsor, North Carolina, signed by nine Royal Arch Masons, and recommended by Concord Chapter, No. 5, praying a charter to empower them to open a Chapter under the name of Mount Zion Chapter.

On motion, the Grand Chapter went into a committee of the whole on the subject of the aforesaid petition.

Comp. Mason L. Wiggins, in the chair:

After a full investigation of the subject the committee rose and by their chairman reported that it was inexpedient at this time to issue a charter to the petitioners aforesaid, which report was concurred in.

On motion of Comp. Tate, the petitioners had leave to withdraw their petition.

On motion, *Resolved,* That it would more fully promote the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry in this State and the welfare of Masonry in general, that the Grand Chapter should be located in some one town.

Therefore, *Resolved,* That the Grand Chapter recommend to the Subordinate Chapters the propriety of meeting in Convention at Raleigh, on the second Monday in January, 1827, for the purpose of so altering and amending the Constitution of the Grand Chapter as to attain the aforesaid objects, and to make such other alterations as the Convention in its wisdom may think most advantageous to Masonry in general.

The above resolutions were read and agreed to.

The following proceedings having taken place during the recess of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, *Resolved,* That they be placed upon the minutes.

At a Convention of High Priests held at Fayetteville, 26th June, 1825:

PRESENT:

M. E., ROBERT STRANGE, Grand High Priest.
M. E., JOHN ARMSTRONG, High Priest of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON, High Priest of Concord Chapter, No. 1.

The order of High Priesthood was duly conferred on M. E. Companion Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest elect of Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.

On motion, it was *resolved*, that for the promotion of Royal Arch Masonry, the Grand Chapter appoint a Grand Lecturer to visit such subordinate Chapters as may desire his attendance and that said Chapters pay his expenses.

Whereupon Comp. Benj. B. Hunter was appointed Grand Lecturer.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Comp. Jos. R. Lloyd be appointed and hereby authorized to install the officers of Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11, at Hertford, as soon as practicable.

On motion, the committee appointed at the second Annual Convocation to carry into effect a resolution making an appropriation to the widow of our late worthy Companion Robert Rankin, has time until the next Convocation to make report.

On motion, *Resolved*, That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be made to defray the expenses of the Grand High Priest or his proxy, for his attendance at the next Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Should the Grand High Priest decline attending said Convocation that the same appropriation be made to either of the Grand Officers or their proxies according to their grades, and that the officer or his proxy so attending shall have the power of drawing upon the Grand Treasurer for the above amount.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convocation printed, and to distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Comp. Weeks P. Hadley, Grand Steward and Tiler, be allowed the sum of thirteen dollars for his services during the present Convocation.

*Resolved unanimously*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to Concord Lodge and Concord Chapter for their polite attention and the use of their hall during the session of the present Convocation.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter it was closed in due form. BENJ. B. HUNTER, *Grand King.*

GEORGE ANDERSON, *Grand Secretary.*

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.—Wilmington.—No Returns.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2.—Fayetteville.

M. E., John Armstrong.....High Priest.
E., John McRae.....King.
E., Joshua Cochran.....Scribe.
37 members.
Died—Edward McKay, 26th May, 1826.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3.—Murfreesboro.—No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4.—Halifax.

M. E., Edmund B. Freeman.....High Priest.
E., Robert H. Wilson.....King.
E., James Simmons.....Scribe.
39 members.
Died—Thomas W. Jenkins and James Overstreet.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5.—Tarborough.

M. E., Joseph R. Lloyd.....High Priest.
E., Benjamin M. Jackson.....King.
Scribe vacant by election of Robert Joyner to the office of Grand Scribe.
39 members.

WADESBORO' CHAPTER, No. 6.—Wadesboro'.—No Returns.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7.—Newbern.—No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8.—Washington.—No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9.—Milton.—No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10.—City of Raleigh.

M. E., David W. Stone.....High Priest.
E., James M. Henderson.....King.
E., Alexander J. Lawrence.....Scribe.
23 members.

ZERUBBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11.—Hertford.

M. E., James Bozman.....High Priest.
E., Joseph Manning.....King.
E., Francis Toms.....Scribe.
9 members.

HARMONY CHAPTER.—Elizabeth City.—Formerly working by Dispensation.

*Dr.* E. B. Freeman, *Grand Treasurer,*

*In Account with the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina.*

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| June, 1826. | To balance of last year's account | $133 39½ |
| | Amount received from Zerubbabel Chapter | 75 00 |
| | " " " Raleigh Chapter | 75 00 |
| | " " " Harmony Chapter | 75 00 |
| | " " " Cyrus Chapter | 10 00 |
| | Dues received from Roanoke Chapter, No. 4 | 15 00 |
| | " " " Concord Chapter, No. 5 | 15 00 |
| | " " " Raleigh Chapter, No. 10 | 8 75 |
| | " " " Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11 | 8 75 |
| | " " " Phœnix Chapter, No. 2 | 15 00 |
| | | $430 89½ |

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| June, 1826. | By amount paid G. Howard, for printing the proceedings of 1825 | $ 14 00 |
| | By amount paid in favor of Mrs. Rankin | 20 00 |
| | By Zerubbabel Chapter | 8 75 |
| | By postage from John Crusoe | 12½ |
| | By fees paid Grand Secretary | 50 00 |
| | By balance cash on hand | 338 02 |
| | | $430 89½ |

DUE THE GRAND CHAPTER:

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| Concord Chapter, No. 1—Wilmington | $ 15 00 |
| Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3 | 30 00 |
| Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6 | 15 00 |
| Eureka Chapter, No. 7 | 15 00 |
| Clinton Chapter, No. 8 | 15 00 |
| Cyrus Chapter, No. 9 | 7 50 |
| Harmony Chapter, No. — | 7 50 |
| Bakewell's note | 15 00 |
| | $120 00 |

EDMUND B. FREEMAN, *Grand Treasurer.*

# FIFTH

# ANNUAL CONVOCATION

OF

# THE GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER

OF

# NORTH CAROLINA,

AT

FAYETTEVILLE, SATURDAY AND MONDAY, JUNE 23, 25, 1827.

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RALEIGH:
UZZELL & WILEY, PRINTERS AND BINDERS.
1880.

# FIFTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

At a meeting of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, begun and holden at Fayetteville on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1827, A. L. 5827:

PRESENT:

M. E., ESEK ARNOLD.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E., JOSHUA W. COCHRAN.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
E., ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Scribe.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN.....Grand Treasurer.
M. E., JOHN ARMSTRONG.....Grand Marshal.
M. E., ROBERT STRANGE.....Past Grand High Priest.

REPRESENTATIVES AND PROXIES.

Concord Chapter, No. 1.—Alexander M'Rae, proxy of M. E., John A. Lillington, High Priest; Jacob Hartman, proxy of E., Archibald M'Rae, King.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.—M. E., John Armstrong, High Priest; E., Joshua W. Cochran, King; E., John Black, Scribe.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.—M. E., Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest; E., Jas. Grant, Scribe; Edmund B. Freeman, proxy of Robert H. Wilson, King.

Concord Chapter, No. 5.—E., Henry Bryan, King.

Clinton Chapter, No. 8.—James Grant, proxy of M. E., David C. Freeman, High Priest, and E., James H. Smith, King.

Cyrus Chapter, No. 9.—Philip H. Thomas, proxy of M. E., John E. Lewis, High Priest.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10.—C. D. Lehman, proxy of M. E., David W. Stone, High Priest; Wm. H. Hunter, King, and E., Alex. J. Lawrence, Scribe.

A quorum being present, the Grand Chapter was opened in due form.

Companions Joyner, Armstrong and M'Rae were appointed a committee to examine the credentials of members composing this Grand Chapter, who reported that the several Companions herein before named as the present and past officers and the officers of subordinate Chapters, or their proxies, are entitled to seats as members of the Grand Chapter.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until 4 o'clock P. M.

JAMES GRANT, *Grand Secretary pro tem.*

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., ESEK ARNOLD.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E., ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Scribe.

And the representatives and proxies as before.

On motion, Companion Dillon Jordan was appointed Grand Steward and Tiler for the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the appointment of the following committees:

1. *Committee to examine attendant and visiting Companions*—Comp. Armstrong and Cochran.

2. *Committee on Grievances*—Comps. Armstrong, Bryan and M'Rae.

3. *Committee on Communications*—Comps. Hartman, Lehman and Freeman.

4. *Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters*—Comps. Freeman, Bryan and Thomas.

5. *Committee to examine the Treasurer's Accounts*—Comps. Bryan, Lawrence and Grant.

A communication from M. E., Simmons J. Baker, Grand High Priest, enclosing a circular from Lebbeus Chapman, General Grand Secretary, &c., was read, and, on motion, referred to the Committee on Communications.

The following report was read and concurred in:

The committee appointed at a meeting of the Grand Chapter held at Tarborough on the 23d day of June, 1824, for the purpose of carrying into effect a resolution in favor of Mrs. Rankin, widow of Robert Rankin, deceased, have performed the duty assigned them, and beg leave to report that they deferred that duty for a considerable time, for the purpose of procuring a piece of plate; but, finding the amount voted inadequate to the purchase of any thing of that kind which might be rendered useful, had enclosed the sum appropriated, in money, to Mrs. Rankin, accompanied by a note expressive of the motives by which the Grand Chapter was actuated when the resolution was adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN BYRD, *Chairman.*

A communication from Wadesborough Chapter, No. 6, surrendering its charter during the recess of the Grand Chapter, was read.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Comp. George Anderson, Grand Secretary, be allowed the sum of five dollars and sixty-nine cents, the amount of his postage account for the last year.

The following proceedings having taken place during the recess of the Grand Chapter, on motion, *Resolved*, That they be placed upon the minutes.

At a convention of High Priests, held at the Masonic Hall in the city of Raleigh, on Wednesday evening, 10th January, 1827 :

PRESENT :

M. E., Esek Arnold, Deputy Grand High Priest.
M. E., Robert Strange, Past Grand High Priest.
M. E., John Armstrong, High Priest, Phœnix Chapter, No. 2.
M. E., Edmund B. Freeman, High Priest, Roanoke Chapter, No. 4.

The order of High Priesthood was conferred on M. E., Richard D. Spaight, High Priest elect of Eureka Chapter, No. 7 ; M. E., David W. Stone, High Priest elect of Raleigh Chapter, No. 10 ; M. E., Moses Clements, High Priest elect of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3.

And the Convention adjourned *sine die*.

On motion, the several communications of the proceedings of Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, received since the last Annual Convocation, were referred to the Committee on Communications.

The following proceedings of a convention were read and ordered to be placed upon the minutes of the Grand Chapter :

RALEIGH, January 8th, 1827.

Pursuant to the recommendation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina, at its last Convocation, the subordinate Chapters met in Convention.

Comp. Esek Arnold was appointed Chairman, and Comp. George Anderson, Secretary.

Comps. Armstrong and Lewis weré appointed a committee to examine the credentials of delegates from their respective Chapters, and reported that the following are duly represented :

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2—by John Armstrong, Esek Arnold and Rob't Strange.
Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3—by Moses Clements.
Roanoke Chapter, No. 4—by Edmund B. Freeman, George Anderson and F. S. Marshall.
Eureka Chapter, No. 7—by Richard D. Spaight.
Cyrus Chapter, No. 9—by John E. Lewis.

Which report was concurred in.

On motion, Comp. Wiatt was appointed Sentinel to the present Convention.

On motion, Comps. Freeman and Armstrong were appointed a committee to draft rules and regulations for the government of this Convention.

On motion, the Convention was adjourned until to-morrow evening, 4 o'clock.

GEORGE ANDERSON, *Secretary*.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 9TH, 1827, 4 O'CLOCK P. M.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

In addition to the Chapters represented yesterday, credentials, appointing David W. Stone, Wm. H. Hunter and C. D. Lehman, delegates from Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, were presented and received.

The committee appointed to draft rules and regulations for the government of this Convention, made the following report, which was concurred in:

1. The Chairman shall put all questions which are moved and seconded, decide all rules of order, and, in cases of dissatisfaction, appeal may be had to the members; and should there be a tie, he shall give the casting vote.

2. All questions shall be decided by a majority, each Chapter being entitled to three votes.

3. Any subject may be reconsidered upon motion made and seconded, a majority concurring therewith.

On motion, the Convention adjourned until to-morrow evening, 4 o'clock.

GEORGE ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 10, 1827.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment.

Credentials were received, appointing Jesse Speight and Rich'd D. Spaight, delegates from Concord Chapter, No. 5.

Comp. R. D. Spaight submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, some doubts exist among the Companions assembled, whether this meeting has been constitutionally called according to the letter of the Constitution:

*Be it resolved, seven Chapters having assembled,* That a Convention meet at Fayetteville on the 23d day of June next, to make such alterations and amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina as they may deem necessary.

*Resolved,* That the thanks of this meeting be presented to Comp. Wiatt for his attendance as Sentinel, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

*Resolved,* That the Grand Secretary furnish each of the subordinate Chapters with a copy of the foregoing proceedings, and that he be allowed ten dollars for his services.

The Convention then adjourned *sine die.*

ESEK ARNOLD, *Chair.*

GEORGE ANDERSON, *Secretary.*

A communication from M. E., David C. Freeman, High Priest of Clinton Chapter, No. 8, was read, and, on motion, *Resolved*, That the dues of said Chapter for the Masonic year ending 23d June, 1826, be remitted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Comp. George Anderson, Grand Secretary, be allowed the sum of ten dollars for issuing a second charter to Clinton Chapter, No. 8.

M. E., John Armstrong submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, at the Convocation of this Grand Chapter, held at Tarborough on the 23d day of June, 1826, the following resolution was submitted by M. E. Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd:

"WHEREAS, it was resolved at the last Annual Convocation that the Past Grand Secretary, Comp. Crusoe, issue a charter to Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Washington; and whereas the said resolution has not been complied with, be it *resolved*, that the Grand Secretary for the ensuing year issue a charter to said Chapter, and that Comp. Crusoe refund to said Grand Secretary the fee which he has received." Which resolution was read and agreed to.

And whereas it now appears that Comp. Crusoe did issue the charter as required: therefore

*Resolved*, That the above resolution be rescinded.

On motion, the Grand Chapter was adjourned until Monday next, 8 o'clock A. M. JAMES GRANT, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

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MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1827.

The Grand Chapter convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., ESEK ARNOLD.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E., JOSHUA W. COCHRAN.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
E., ROBERT JOYNER.....Grand Scribe.

In addition to the members of Saturday, present:

Concord Chapter, No. 1—Wm. Lowry, proxy of E., John M'Kay, Scribe.

Harmony Chapter, (Disp.) Chas. R. Kinny, proxy of E., Samuel Mathews, King.

M. E. Comp. Freeman made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Returns of Subordinate Chapters beg leave to report that the following Chapters have duly made their returns:

Concord Chapter, No. 1, Wilmington; Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, Fayetteville; Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, Halifax; Concord Chapter, No. 5, Tarborough, and Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, Raleigh.

That the following have made no returns:

Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, Murfreesboro'; Eureka Chapter, No. 7, Newbern; Clinton Chapter, No. 8, Washington; Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, Milton; Zerubbabel Chapter, No. 11, Hertford, and Harmony Chapter, (by disp.) Elizabeth City.

And that the following Chapters are in arrears to the Grand Chapter, as follows:

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| Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3 | | | $45 00 |
| Eureka | " | " 7 | 15 00 |
| Clinton | " | " 8 | 15 00 |
| Cyrus | " | " 9 | 22 50 |
| Raleigh | " | " 10 | 15 00 |
| Zerubbabel | " | " 11 | 15 00 |
| Harmony | " | (by disp.) | 22 50 |

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND B. FREEMAN, *Chair.*

Comp. Hartman, from the Committee on Communications, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Communications beg leave to report that they had under their consideration the circular of Lebbeus Chapman, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, proposing the form of a certificate, and the plan of a general register, approve thereof, and recommend the same for the adoption of this Grand Chapter, provided all the Grand Chapters throughout the United States adopt the same.

The committee have also examined the communications, consisting of the journals and proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, to-wit: The General Grand Chapter of the United States for the year 1826, and the Grand Chapters of New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maryland, South Carolina, Georgia, Kentucky and Ohio, for the same year, and find they contain matters only of a local nature, which do not require any other than the general and respectful notice of this Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HARTMAN, *Chair.*

On motion, the delinquency of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, was referred to the Committee on Grievances.

On motion of Comp. M'Rae, the subject of an uniform mode of work was referred to a committee of five members.

Comps. M'Rae, Joyner, Armstrong, Freeman and Thomas compose the committee.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the 28th section of the Bye-Laws be amended by striking out the words "Royal Arch Sashes and," so as to make the article read as follows: The members of the Grand Chapter shall at every meeting appear in plain white aprons.

On motion, the Grand Chapter adjourned, subject to the call of the presiding officer. JAMES GRANT, *Grand Sec'y, pro tem.*

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MONDAY EVENING, 25TH JUNE, 1827.

The Grand Chapter was convened pursuant to adjournment.

PRESENT:

M. E., ESEK ARNOLD.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
E., JOSHUA W. COCHRAN.....Grand King, *pro tem.*
E., ROBERT JOYNER.. .....Grand Scribe.

Comp. Freeman presented a communication from Comp. George Anderson, Grand Secretary, appointing him proxy, which was received.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the following proceedings of a meeting of delegates from subordinate Chapters be entered upon the minutes of this Convocation.

At a meeting of the subordinate Chapters in Convention at Fayetteville on the 23d day of June, A. D. 1827,

M. E., Robert Strange was called to the Chair, and Comp. James Grant appointed Secretary.

Comps. Armstrong and Freeman were appointed to examine the credentials of delegates.

On motion, the Convention adjourned, subject to the call of the Chair.

JAMES GRANT, *Secretary.*

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MONDAY, 25TH JUNE, 1827.

The Convention met according to adjournment.

The committee appointed to examine the credentials of delegates, report that—

Concord Chapter, No. 1, is represented by its delegates, Comps. Jacob Hartman, Alexander M'Rae and William Lowry.

Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, by Comps. Robert Strange, Esek Arnold and John Armstrong.

Roanoke Chapter, No. 4, by Comps. Edmund B. Freeman and James Grant.

Concord Chapter, No. 5, by Comps. Henry Bryan and Robert Joyner.

Raleigh Chapter, No. 10, by Comp. Alexander J. Lawrence.

On motion, *Resolved*, That on all questions coming before this Convention, each Chapter shall be entitled to three votes.

Comp. Philip H. Thomas presented a certificate, setting forth that he was appointed delegate by M. E., John E. Lewis, High Priest of Cyrus Chapter, No. 9.

The Convention went into committee of the whole upon the aforesaid certificate, Comp. Armstrong in the Chair. After investigation of the subject, the committee rose, and, by their Chairman, reported that it is their opinion, Cyrus Chapter, No. 9, is not represented.

On concurring in the report, the votes were as follows:

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| Phœnix Chapter, No. 2 | | | | .....3 votes. | Concord Chapter, No. 1 | | | | .....3 votes. |
| Roanoke | " | " | 4 | .....1 " | Roanoke | " | " | 4 | .....1 " |
| Concord | " | " | 5 | .....1 " | Concord | " | " | 5 | .....1 " |
| Raleigh | " | " | 10 | .....3 " | | | | | — |
| | | | | — | | | | | 5 Nays. |
| | | | | 8 Yeas. | | | | | |

Comp. Freeman submitted the following preamble and resolution, which were adopted:

WHEREAS, upon a call of the subordinate Chapters, but five appeared by their delegates, and doubts being thereby entertained as to its competency to transact business.

*Resolved*, That this meeting be adjourned *sine die*.

And the Convention was adjourned accordingly.

ROBERT STRANGE, *Chair*.

JAMES GRANT, *Secretary*.

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On motion of Comp. Kinney:

*Resolved*, That a charter issue to Harmony Chapter, No. 12, and that in the mean time, said Chapter be authorized to work under the former dispensation.

Comp. Bryan, from the Committee on the Treasurer's accounts, made the following report:

The Committee on Accounts have examined the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer, and find that he has received since the last Convocation..... $105 00
That the balance of last year's account was..... 338 02

$443 02

And that he has paid out upon sufficient vouchers exhibited and cancelled ..... 58 18¾

Leaving a balance in his hands of.....$384 83¼

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY BRYAN, *Chair.*

The Grand Chapter then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, and the following Companions were duly elected to the offices attached to their respective names, and proclaimed accordingly:

M. E., ESEK ARNOLD, Fayetteville.....Grand High Priest.
M. E., ROBERT JOYNER, Tarborough.....Deputy Grand High Priest.
M. E., JOHN ARMSTRONG, Fayetteville.....Grand King.
M. E., JOHN A. LILLINGTON, Wilmington....Grand Scribe.
M. E., EDMUND B. FREEMAN, Halifax.....Grand Treasurer.
E., GEORGE ANDERSON, Halifax.....Grand Secretary.
Rev. Comp. WM. M. GREEN, Hillsboro'.....Grand Chaplain.
E., JOSHUA W. COCHRAN, Fayetteville....Grand Marshal.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the four first officers of the Grand Chapter be allowed their reasonable expenses in attending the Annual Grand Convocations.

On motion, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:

WHEREAS, it appears to this Grand Chapter, by satisfactory testimony, that Patrick Usher, a Companion Royal Arch Mason, is a young man of irreproachable character, and much esteemed among the craft in the town of Wilmington, (his place of residence); and it further appearing to this Grand Chapter that he has been betrayed into a violation of the Laws of the State of Louisiana, and has been sentenced to three years imprisonment in the State prison of said State, and we being well assured that his conduct was the result of mistake or the designed villainy of another person, and did not proceed from any violence of disposition on the part of the said Patrick Usher;

*Be it therefore resolved*, That Companions Robert Strange, Esek Arnold and John Armstrong be appointed a committee to correspond with the Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, or to adopt such

other measures as they may think expedient to effect the deliverance of our said Companion; or, at least, to ameliorate as far as possible the evils of his condition.

Comp. Armstrong, from the Committee on Grievances, made the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Grievances, to whom were referred the present circumstances and conduct of Mount Arrarat Chapter, No. 3, report that they have had the same under consideration, and find that Comp. Joseph R. Lloyd was appointed, at the last Annual Convocation, to visit said Chapter, with full and ample powers to act at his discretion, and has failed to report the result of his mission: They therefore recommend that the said powers heretofore vested in Comp. Lloyd, be continued, with directions to report to the next Annual Convocation. Respectfully submitted,

JOHN ARMSTRONG, *Chair.*

Comp. Lehman submitted the following resolution:

*Resolved,* That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that it is improper to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time, and that the practice of substituting one or more Companions, who have already taken the degree of Royal Arch Mason, to make up this number, is also improper:

Be it, therefore, and it is hereby enjoined upon all the subordinate Chapters under this jurisdiction, never to exalt more or less than three brethren at one and the same time; and that all three of such persons shall be real candidates for this degree, or for healing, and neither of them a Companion, who has already taken the degree, except such as may require healing.

On the question of adopting the foregoing resolution, the yeas and nays were called for, and were as follows:

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| Comp. | Arnold | 1 votes. | Comp. | Freeman | 4 votes. |
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| " | Strange | 1 " | " | Bryan | 1 " |
| " | Cochran | 1 " | " | Joyner | 1 " |
| " | Lawrence | 1 " | " | M'Rae | 1 " |
| " | Lehman | 2 " | " | Kinney | 1 " |
| " | Black | 1 " | | | — |
| " | Hartman | 1 " | | | 11 nays. |
| " | Lowry | 1 " | | | |
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| | | 11 yeas. | | | |

There being an equal number of votes, M. E., Esek Arnold gave the casting vote in the affirmative, and the resolution was adopted.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary have twenty copies of the proceedings of the Royal Arch Conventions and Convocations of the Grand Chapter which have been held in this State, handsomely bound together in a like number of volumes, if so many copies can be found in the State.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary notify delinquent Chapters working under the authority of this Grand Chapter, that if their returns are not made and their dues paid to him on or before the next Annual Convocation, their charters will be suspended.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Treasurer have credit for ten dollars in his next year's account for uncurrent money received from Wadesboro' Chapter, No. 6.

On motion, *Resolved*, That Comp. Dillon Jordan, Grand Steward and Tiler, be allowed the sum of nineteen dollars for his services during the present Convocation.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of the Grand Chapter are due to Comp. Grant, for his able and polite discharge of the duties of Secretary in the absence of Comp. Anderson.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to have one hundred copies of the proceedings of this Convocation printed, and to distribute them according to the provisions of the Constitution and Bye-Laws.

On motion, *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Chapter be presented to the officers and members of Phœnix Chapter, No. 2, for the use of their hall during the present Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

Comp. M'Rae, from the committee to whom was referred the subject of an uniform mode of work, reported that it was inexpedient at this time to adopt any measures upon the subject.

No further business appearing before the Grand Chapter, it was closed in ample form. ESEK ARNOLD, *Grand High Priest.*

JAMES GRANT, *Grand Secretary, pro tem.*

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 1.—WILMINGTON.

M. E., John A. Lillington.....High Priest.
E., Archibald M'Rae..... King.
E., John M'Kay.....Scribe.
24 members.
Died—E. L. Larkins.

PHŒNIX CHAPTER, No. 2.—FAYETTEVILLE.

M. E., John Armstrong.....High Priest.
E., Joshua W. Cochran.....King.
E., John Black.....Scribe.
46 members.

MOUNT ARRARAT CHAPTER, No. 3.—MURFREESBORO'.—No Returns.

ROANOKE CHAPTER, No. 4.—HALIFAX.

M. E., Edmund B. Freeman.....High Priest.
E., Robert H. Wilson.....King.
E., James Grant.....Scribe.
37 members.
Died—Wilson C. Hart and Hilliard Foort.

CONCORD CHAPTER, No. 5.—TARBOROUGH.

M. E., Joseph R. Lloyd.....High Priest.
E., Henry Bryan.....King.
E., John Coffields.....Scribe.
38 members.
Died—Benjamin B. Hunter, Richard H. Dicken and Wm. E. Ballard.

EUREKA CHAPTER, No. 7.—NEWBERN.—No Returns.

CLINTON CHAPTER, No. 8.—WASHINGTON.—No Returns.

CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 9.—MILTON.—No Returns.

RALEIGH CHAPTER, No. 10.—CITY OF RALEIGH.

M. E., David W. Stone.....High Priest.
E., William H. Hunter.....King.
E., Alexander J. Lawrence.....Scribe.
21 members.

ERUBBABEL CHAPTER, No. 11.—HERTFORD.—No Returns.

HARMONY CHAPTER, No. 12.—ELIZABETH CITY.—No Returns.

*Grand Chapter of North Carolina, in acc't with* E. B. Freeman, *G. T.*

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| June 23, 1827. | By balance on hand at June, 1826 | $338 02 |
| | " Wadesboro', No. 6 | 15 00 |
| | " Concord " 1 | 30 00 |
| | " Phœnix " 2 | 15 00 |
| | " Roanoke " 4 | 15 00 |
| | " Concord " 5 | 15 00 |
| | " Eureka " 7 | 15 00 |
| | | $443 02 |

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| June 23, 1827. | To amount paid W. P. Hadley | $ 13 00 |
| | " " " Yancey & Burton | 15 00 |
| | " " " John T. C. Wiatt | 10 00 |
| | " " " George Anderson | 20 00 |
| | " " " Postage account | 18¾ |
| | " " " Cash on hand | 384 83¼ |
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